

BUDGET PROVISIO PROJECT – REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

Preliminary Sketch Overview

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Estimated Timeline

- A memo with instructions and a project list template, will be emailed to MPOs and RTPOs in June
- Responses will be due in September
- Responses will be reviewed in October and November
- Commission will finalize its report and recommendations at its December 14/15 meeting in Olympia
- Final report will be submitted to the Legislature and Governor in January 2011

Key Project Elements

- Regions will be asked to submit a list of up to 20 priority projects
- Projects can include those located on state highways, county roads and city streets
- Multi-modal projects such as port, transit, rail and air may be included
- For each project, the following information will be needed:
 - Project type – improvement, preservation, maintenance, etc.
 - Project cost – small ranges ok if don't have refined estimates
 - Brief project description – need to get a sense of the project and the desired outcome/ benefit
 - Project timeline, status, and required funding – need to identify phases, what has been completed and what funding has been secured thus far, as well as what is still needed
 - Identification of what statutory policy goals each project addresses
- Commission review will focus largely on emerging statewide themes and consistency of need across modes (example: transit funding is needed by a majority of regions; preservation is top priority for all regions; etc.).
- Commission recommendations will be drawn from identified themes as well as the priorities identified by each region, and subsequent analysis. So for example, recommendations may be offered on topics such as: formulaic vs competitive and/or spread out vs focused investment approaches; funding splits by rural/ urban or by mode; priority investment areas; etc.
- Final project lists submitted by regions will not be modified by the Commission.